Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1.-11. (Cancelled).

12. (Currently amended) A method of reducing neuronal cell death in a mammal suffering from or susceptible to neurodegenerative disease, cerebral ischaemia, traumatic neuronal injury, paralysis, or spinal cord injury, comprising

identifying a mammal [[with]] having one or more apoptotic neuronal cells ~~cell death~~;

administering to the mammal an effective amount of a 3-substituted indolone that is a C-Raf inhibitor or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof sufficient to reduce neuronal cell death.

13. (Cancelled).

14. (Currently amended) A method of reducing apoptotic neuronal cell death in a mammal, comprising:

identifying a mammal [[with]] having one or more apoptotic neuronal cells ~~cell death~~;

administering to the mammal an effective amount of a C-Raf inhibitor that is a 3-substituted oxindole, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein said C-Raf inhibitor comprises {5- iodo-3-[(3,5-dibromo-4-hydroxyphenyl) methylene]-2-indolinone}.

16. (Cancelled).

17. (Previously presented) The method of Claims 12 or 14 wherein said C-Raf inhibitor comprises an oxindole derivative, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

18. (Previously presented) The method of Claims 12 or 14 wherein said C-Raf inhibitor comprises a benzamide derivative, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

19. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 18 wherein said C-Raf inhibitor comprises N-[5-(3- dimethylaminobenzamide)-2-methylphenyl]-4-hydroxybenzamide.

20. (Previously presented) The method of Claims 12 or 14 wherein said C-Raf inhibitor reduces neuronal cell death via B-Raf regulation.

21. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 20, wherein said C-Raf inhibitor reduces neuronal cell death by activating B-Raf.

22. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 21, wherein said C-Raf inhibitor or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof comprises an oxindole derivative.

23. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 22, wherein said C-Raf inhibitor comprises {5- iodo-3-[(3,5-dibromo-4-hydroxyphenyl) methylene]-2-indolinone} or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

24. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 20, wherein said C-Raf inhibitor comprises a benzamide.

25. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 24, wherein said benzamide derivative comprises N-[5-(3- dimethylaminobenzamide)-2-methylphenyl]-4-hydroxybenzamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

26. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 21, wherein said C-Raf inhibitor comprises a benzamide derivative, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

27. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 26, wherein said benzamide derivative comprises N-[5-(3- dimethylaminobenzamide)-2-methylphenyl]-4-hydroxybenzamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

28. (Previously presented) A method of reducing neuronal cell death in a mammal, comprising administering an effective amount of a C-Raf inhibitor or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

29. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 28, wherein said C-Raf inhibitor comprises an oxindole derivative.

30. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 28, wherein said C-Raf inhibitor comprises a benzamide derivative.

31. (Previously presented) The method of Claims 28, wherein said C-Raf inhibitor reduces neuronal cell death via B-Raf regulation.

32. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 31, wherein said C-Raf inhibitor reduces neuronal cell death by B-Raf activation.

33. (Previously presented) The method of Claims 29 or 31 or 32, wherein said C-Raf inhibitor comprises {5- iodo-3-[(3,5-dibromo-4-hydroxyphenyl) methylene]-2-indolinone}.

34. (Previously presented) The method of Claims 29 or 31 or 32, wherein said C-Raf inhibitor comprises N-[5-(3- dimethylaminobenzamide)-2-methylphenyl]-4-hydroxybenzamide.

35. (Previously presented) A method of treating a mammal suffering from or susceptible to cerebral ischaemia, traumatic neuronal injury, paralysis, or spinal cord injury, comprising

identifying a mammal with a cerebral ischaemia, a traumatic neuronal injury, paralysis, or a spinal cord injury;

administering to the mammal an effective amount of a 3-substituted indolone that is a C-Raf inhibitor or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof sufficient to reduce neuronal cell death.